

## Hampton Police Division Media Release

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**For Immediate Release** 

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Vicious Canine Investigation: 2600 East Winona Drive

At 4:26 p.m., Hampton Communications received a w911 call in reference to a vicious animal complaint in a vacant lot in the 2600 block of East Winona Drive. Upon the officer's arrival, they observed two pit bulls actively attacking a smaller breed canine (Terrier mix). Animal Control Officers attempted to intervene in effort to discontinue the attack. One of the pit bulls involved aggressively charged at a Hampton Police Officer, fearing for his safety the officer discharged his duty weapon striking the canine. The officer did not receive any injuries.

The pit bull which was struck as well as the additional pit bull involved in the attack were both transported to a local hospital to receive treatment. The canine which was being attacked was pronounced deceased as a result of the injuries it received. The investigation is on-going and is being conducted by Hampton Animal Control. At this time there is no additional information to provide.

Corporal Mary Shackelford will receive questions about this release at 757-846-6866.

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